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1. SEVERAL GREEK CYPRIOT NEWSPAPERS SEPT. 6 SPECULATE THAT VISIT TO CYPRUS OF COUNSELOR NIMETZ WILL BE FOLLOWED BY OTHER AMERICAN INITIATIVES. IN SO-CALLED STRAIGHT REPORTING, RIGHT-WING AGON WRITES THAT U.S. WILL MOST PROBABLY ACT THROUGH UN SECRETARY GENERAL IN AN EFFORT TO RESUME INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. ANOTHER RIGHT-WING PAPER, MAKHI, WHICH HAS FAVORED NIMETZ VISIT, SAYS THAT NIMETZ' SILENCE ON DEPARTURE FROM CYPRUS MERELY MEANS THAT AFTER HE MAKES HIS REPORT IN WASHINGTON, U.S. WILL TAKE FURTHER ACTIONS. SOCIALIST TA NEA REPORTS THAT U.S. INITIATIVE WILL TAKE FORM OF ATTEMPTS, UNDER GUISE OF SECRETARY GENERAL, TO RESUME INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. AFTERNOON APOYEVMATINI QUOTES "AUTHORITATIVE" ATHENS CIRCLES THAT FOLLOWUP INITIATIVE WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER, WHO WILL CONTINUE ON TO NICOSIA AND ANKARA AFTER VISITING ATHENS.
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2. IN EDITORIAL TREATMENT, MOST PAPERS CONTINUE SAME LINES THEY FOLLOWED DURING VISIT, WITH CENTRIST AND RIGHT-WING PAPERS EXPRESSING MISGIVINGS AND LEFT-WING WARNING AGAINST AMERICAN TRAPS. PRO-CLERIDES SIMERINI TAKES DIFFERENT TACK, HOWEVER. IN IRONIC FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL ENTITLES "HE CAME, HE LISTENED, HE LEFT."

PAPER SYAS "WE SUSPECT THAT THE AMERICAN LEADERSHIP HAS INAUGURATED SOME NEW APPROACH TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, TO LISTEN AND NOT TO SPEAK, TO SHOW AN INTEREST FROM TIME TO TIME THROUGH MISSIONS OF THIS KIND WITHOUT CONTINUATION. IN OTHER WORDS, IT HAS DECIDED TO APPEAR TO BE INTERESTED WHEREAS IN REALITY IT HAS NO INTENTION AT ALL FOR ACTIVE MEDIATION... THIS IS ONE MORE VICTORY IN THE SO MANY WE HAVE STORED IN THE RUINS OF CYPRUS. THE CONSPIRATORIAL WEST HAS GOTTEN TIRED US US." PAPER WONDERS WHETHER CYPRUS GOVERNMENT IS HEARTENED BY PASSIVE ATTITUDE OF NIMETZ.

3. TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS IS LARGELY QUIET ON NIMETZ VISIT, BUT OPPOSITION HALKIN SESI COMMENTS THAT FOCAL POINT OF NIMETZ VISIT WAS VAROSHA ISSUE. PAPER CALL ON TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP TO INFORM PEOPLE WHAT WENT ON "BEHIND CLOSED DOORS," SAYS VISITS SUCH AS NIMETZ' AIM AT SECURING MORE CONCESSIONS TO GREEK CYPRIOTS, AND ARGUES AGAINST PRE-1974 CONDITIONS WHICH FORCED 65,000 TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO BECOME REFUGEES AND HOSTAGES IN HANDS OF GREEK CYPRIOTS.
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